



**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**MEMORANDUM**

September 12, 2014

**TO:** Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

**FROM:** Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager  
Department of Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** The Agricultural Advisory Committee and Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Please be advised there will be a Joint Agricultural Advisory Committee and Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room A at 7:00 p.m.**

The agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on Tuesday evening.

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## **Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – September 16, 2014**

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from July 15, 2014. August 11, 2014 Ag Leaders Luncheon
3. Update-Deer Damage Survey to better understand if the County's deer damage programs are reducing crop losses for farmers. Preliminary results show more management tools are still needed to reduce the deer herds in the rural and agricultural areas of the County. The DED has received 30+ completed surveys and the analysis is pending.
4. Update on the Positions approved for FY15 Operating and Capital Budgets as follows:  
Vacant Business Development Specialist-BDS position (Kristin Fisher) job announcement closed on August 15, 2014, total of 85 applicants, 32 meet minimum requirements, 2 veterans are designated as Preferential Hiring Status.
5. Part-time contractor Agronomy Educator for UM-Extension RFP is pending DOF (Insurance requirements) and OHR (Job release) approval.
6. New Resource Conservationist for MSCD (Brian Taylor) The OHR has approved the position to be reclassified to BDS position.
7. Follow up from the Joint AAC and APAB meeting July 15, 2014 Discussion Draft Legislation on Pesticides in Montgomery County. Request for Briefing with the T&E Committee.
8. Update on the New Farmer Pilot Program-Equipment Share Program and Training Schedule for September 17, 24, 2014 @ Rock Hill Orchard in the late afternoon before dark.
9. 2015 Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee meetings for developing 2015 Policies.  
Monday September 8, 2014 4:00-6:00pm and Thursday September 18, 2014 4:00-6:00pm
10. Next AAC meeting Tuesday October 21, 2014 @ 7:00pm

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

MD/VA Agricultural Marketing Workshop-September 10-12, 2014 Southern MD.  
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Bd of Supervisors-September 12, 2014@9:00am  
Agricultural Advisory Committee-September 16, 2014@7:00pm  
Poolesville Day-September 20, 2014  
MCFB Farm to Table Dinner-September 20, 2014@5:00pm  
MCA Agricultural Reserve Film Premiere-September 25, 2014-USGS  
NCOSAFP Bus Tour-September 30, 2014  
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Bd of Directors-October 7, 2014@7:00pm